



Bristol Township School District

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Notice of Opportunity Scholarships

Please Read: Important Information Affecting Your Child

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Dear Neil Armstrong Parent or Guardian,

We would like to make you aware of choices available to you based on the results of Neil Armstrong's Middle School's performance on the 2022-2023 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and/or Keystone Exams. The PSSA and Keystones are annual exams given to Pennsylvania students at various grade levels to measure their academic progress.

The Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTCP) was created pursuant to Act 85 of 2012 (72 P.S. § 1701G.1, *et seq*) and amended by Act 86 of 2016 (24 P.S. § 2001-B, *et seq*). This program enables eligible students residing within the boundaries of schools classified as low-achieving to apply for a scholarship to attend another public or nonpublic school. A low-achieving school is defined as a public elementary or secondary school ranking in the bottom 15% of their designation as elementary or secondary school based on the combined math and reading scores on the previous school year's mandated assessments.

We have recently learned that Neil Armstrong Middle School is on the list of schools with this classification. Please know that we are currently implementing new programs and approaches to improve student achievement on mandated assessments in our school.

Under the OSTCP program, Neil Armstrong Middle School must offer students the choice to transfer to another school district or nonpublic school that is participating in this program. It must be stated that the staff at Neil Armstrong has a relationship with your child and wants to continue serving your child. However, if you feel your child will be better served in another school, you may request a transfer through this program for your child to one of the schools taking part in the OSTCP.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity for your child to attend another school, you must go to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) website:

<https://dced.pa.gov/programs/opportunity-scholarship-tax-credit-program-ostc/>

You can review the list of scholarship organizations for the school districts and nonpublic schools that are participating in this program. DCED has information regarding the application process. Scholarships are contingent upon available funding.

Additional information is available on our school district website <https://www.bristoltwpsd.org> and the PA Department of Education website: [Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program \(pa.gov\)](https://www.dced.pa.gov/programs/opportunity-scholarship-tax-credit-program-ostc/):

Sincerely,
Jeana Sabatini-Gilbert
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